

# The INFORMANT

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#### 2015 Personal Financial Readiness Classes

The Airman & Family Readiness Center, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Chase Bank and the Miami Valley Better Business Bureau have teamed up to provide you with a wide variety of financial based classes. Classes are held in Building 2, Room 244 unless annotated call 257-3592 to register.

#### Planning for your Retirement At Any Age, 18 Mar, 1100-1300 – DCO

Retirement may seem a long way off or maybe you are hoping it is just around the corner. Investing in the proper tools early can make all the difference. When you attend this briefing you get information you need on resources to get off to the right food, Thrift Savings Plans, IRA's, 401(k) plans and much more. (BBB)

#### **Investment Basics**, 1 Apr., 1100 – 1230

New to the workforce and wondering how you get from here to retirement? You should have a lot of questions such as: How should I be allocating my TSP or 401(k). Do I need life insurance protection for my family...and how much? How can I afford college for my kids? Should I have an IRA in addition to my TSP or 401(k). This workshop will provide you with the tools necessary to make those decisions. (WPCU)

#### Smart Investing for the Military Consumer – Fraud Prevention, 15 Apr., 1100 – 1300—DCO

Even if you have never been subjected to an investment fraudster's sales pitch, you probably know someone who has. We've all heard the timeless admonition, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." This is great advice, but the trick is figuring out when "good" becomes "too good." Investment fraudsters make their living by touting deals that appear both good and true. This briefing will help you recognize fraud and avoid suspicious influence tactics. (BBB)



# ASFRC is the PCS one-stop shop.

#### Moving? Need help and guidance?

Check out the Military OneSource website! There is a whole section on Moving just for you and your family! http://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving

Moving and have children? Check out this website <a href="http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/myom">http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/myom</a>
Please call the A&FRC if you have any questions!

#### Smooth Move, 5 Mar, 1300-1600

PCSing soon? This class has 11 base agencies and Points of Contacts that provide information, questions & answers on out-processing procedures for your next assignment.

#### Kids on the Move, 26 Mar, 1730-1930

For children ages 4 to 16 years old. This program is designed to assist kids and parents to survive the impact of changing locations, saying goodbye to friends and adjusting to new people and situations. Call to reserve seats.

If you are caring for a dementia or Alzheimer loved one and need to join a support group who understands your unique needs, we here in the Airman & Family Readiness Center have begun a support group for you. We meet the first Thursday of every month, Bldg. 2, Airman & Family Readiness Center, 5:00-6:30p.m. Call to sign up.

#### Federal Resume Writing, 31 Mar, 1300-1500

The resume writing course focuses on the unique and sometimes confusing world of federal job applications and resumes. This class will provide tools to make your resume and application complete and competitive.

## Private Sector Resume Writing 29 Apr, 1100—1300

Are you looking to the private sector for your employment endeavors or simply preparing for the future. This workshop will give you guidance on preparing an effective civilian resume for your job search.

# Bundles for Babies



#### BUNDLES FOR BABIES 28 Apr, 1330 –1615



This workshop is a must for expecting parents! Open to both active duty and their spouse or significant other. You will receive vital information on the Pediatric Clinic, New Parent programs, Family Day Care and more. Please call to sign up.

#### Heart Link 29 May, 0800 – 1300

For military spouses that are newly married or just arrived to WPAFB. This class will introduce you the AF, WPAFB and go over your benefits of being a military spouse! You'll have an opportunity to make friends and network! Breakfast and lunch are provided. Call the A&FRC in advance to register!

#### **Congressionally Mandated Preseparation Counseling**

Members will complete DD Form 2648 and receive a checklist of prerequisites & career readiness standards to assist with transitioning out of the military. Members can sign up for a Transition Assistance Program workshop upon completion. Call 257-3592 to sign up.

#### **Transition Assistance Program (TAP)**

TAP will be held in the A&FRC Classroom 244, Bldg 2, Area A, Monday-Friday. The workshop is designed to assist with transition into the civilian workforce. Class will cover resume writing, interviewing skills, job search, and more. Whether you are retiring or separating this class is geared to your needs. To be scheduled you must attended Congressionally Mandated Preseparation Counseling first.

#### Capstone, DD Form 2958

Transitioning service members are required to complete a DD Form 2958, Capstone form, 90-days prior to separating and/or retiring. Members requiring Capstone can walk into the Airman and Family Readiness Center on Fridays from 0900-1200hrs.



#### **Reunion & Reintegration**

Welcome Home! R & R classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, with the exception of Holidays. R&R starts at 0745 at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. No registration required. R&R is mandatory for all returning deployers.

#### **DEPLOYING SOON?**

Stop by the A&FRC to get a pillowcase made for your family members, it'll be treasured while your away! Spouses can qualify for the free oil change with the Car Care because We Care program during deployments. The Give Parents a Break program offers childcare on designated nights so the parent/guardian may have time to relax. Call 937-257-3592 for more information.

#### **Deployed Spouses Support Group**

Is your spouse deployed or about to deploy? Regardless of whether this is your 1st or 10th deployment, this forum is for you so don't miss out; contact us NOW to reserve your spot! Open discussion with other deployed spouses. Education! Information! Connect with others going through the "Same Thing at the Same Time!" *Contact 257-3592 for dates & times.* 

## Exceptional Family Member Program - Family Support

This program is designed to give information to military families with members in need of special assistance. The EFMP Coordinator provides resources from local, state/county, and federal agencies, both educational and medical to accommodate the special needs member and their family. Please contact the EFMP Coordinator at 656-0946 for more information. **No appointment is necessary.** 

#### **Volunteer to Make a Difference**

Volunteering is a fantastic way to make a difference in your military and local communities. If you are not already involved in some form of volunteer effort and would like some guidance in getting started, or to determine where your talents could be best utilized, give us a call.

#### **Relocation Assistance**

Ready Set Move! Airman & Family Readiness Center provides incoming and outgoing relocation services to the Total Force, which includes civilians, and contractors who are relocating within the continental U.S. (CONUS) or outside the continental U.S (OCONUS). Whether you're moving overseas or across the country, you'll want to get to know your new community outside the gate. Call or stop in for more information.

#### **Family Services**

Family Services exists to assist military members and their families by assisting them in numerous ways. 1. Family Services provides assistance to troops and their families experiencing financial difficulties after they have seen an A&FRC specialist and all military relief organizations have been exhausted. 2. Family Services provides support with furniture and household needs through the Airman's Attic which is for E-4's and below. 3. The Loan Closet loans, free of charge basic household items for short term use for anyone holding DoD ID. The closet's PRIMARY USE is for PCS moves. 4. Another way Family Services assists is through the Pantry. Grocery assistance is done on a case by case basis. Items available through the pantry are non food items for personal hygiene. 5. Operation Stork provides layettes to all newborns at WPAPB, delivering them to the base hospital. For more information call (937) 257-2910.

#### The Discovery Area

The A&FRC Discovery Area is your source for finding your future! Equipped with three network Smart Card accessible computers, and three non-network computers, along with six printers are available in the A&FRC lobby, we have everything you need for conducting your job search. This area also features current job postings provided by local employers, books which can be signed out to enhance your knowledge of: Career Planning, Interviewing, Conducting Job Searches, Life Strategies, Military Life, Spouse Employment, Resume Writing, and Transition. Hours of operation are: Mon – Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Military Family Life Consultant

The Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC) program provides non-medical short-term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to address issues that occur across the military lifestyle and help service members and their families cope with normal reactions to stressful and often adverse situations created by deployments and reintegration. MFLC provides outreach services that expand capabilities to address needs of Airmen and their families and can be a bridge to other services available on or off base. This program is free and totally anonymous; no records are kept. Call *937-716-6720* to schedule an appointment.



#### "E" Sponsorship Training/Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship training is required for all Sponsors. Training, post-training tools and information are available at <a href="http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/ESAT">http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/ESAT</a>. Site provides: registration for newcomer and sponsor with training and certificate; Sponsorship Duty Checklist, Newcomer and Family Needs Assessment; Congratulations and Welcome Letter templates ---links to important DoD and service-moving websites.

#### **Personal Financial Readiness**

All services are available on a walk-in basis. Please bring any financial documents (LES, bank statements, bills, etc) that are relevant to your specific financial situation. They can assist with the following: setting financial goals, budgets, credit management, investment basics, Air Force Aid Emergency Assistance, and referrals. We are happy to assist you however possible so please do not hesitate to ask. Please bring in your LES, bank statement, bills, etc. when you come in for assistance as it will enable the staff to provide you with a more accurate assessment of your needs.

#### **Air Force Aid Society**

HQ AFAS has implemented a new On-line Emergency Assistance Application process when applying for a Standard or Falcon Loan. All Air Force Active Duty/Spouse, Retired, ANG/ AF Reserves, Widow/Widower with internet access and an email address will be able to apply for AFAS assistance using the new AFAS Online Application by registering & completing the application. Once you've completed the online application, please come in to the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Bring all necessary documentation (LES, Rent receipt, Utility bill, Repair invoice, etc.) to process the application.

https://my.afas.org/memberportal/Login/Login.aspx

#### **Employment Services**

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers a Career Focus Program for military spouses, active duty members and their dependents, as well as DOD civilians. Services include job application and resume assistance, job referrals, career counseling and planning, interview preparation, educational information, and career/ personal development work-shops. A resource area with personal computers and a job vacancy referral board are also available. No appointment is necessary.

#### **Disabled Americans Vet Representative**

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has provided a full time position to the Airman and Family Readiness Center to assist transitioning military members with filing a service-connected disability claim with Veteran's Affairs. Please contact Mr. John Steele at (937) 656-0947 for questions or to schedule an appointment.



#### \*\*WPAFB's School Liaison Officer (SLO)\*\*

Ms. Andrea Attaway-Young





Wright-Patterson Air Force Base School Liaison Officer is available full-time at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Area A, Bldg. 2, Room 239. She coordinates and assists school-aged children and youth of base military families with educational opportunities and information necessary to achieve academic success. Working in partnership with existing base programs/initiatives her role is to: 1) Help identify, communicate (inform base leadership), and seek resolution concerning issues/barriers to academic success by encouraging relationships between school, military families, installation, and community; 2) Promote the importance of parent involvement to Air Force military members (during registration/transitions/deployments) of schoolaged children in their student's education; 3) Develop programs/provide training to help teachers, counselors, principals, superintendents, and coaches better understand the unique needs/gifts of the military child/family; and 4) support on-going base educational/recreational programs and training initiatives designed to enhance the military family life-style. \*\*For more information, contact Ms. Attaway-Young @ 656-0942, or email: Andrea.Attawayyoung@us.af.mil

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## Airman's Attic

**Family Services** 



NEW HOURS: Monday - Friday 0730 -1630 & First Saturday of every month 0900-1300 Closed holidays

Family Services takes donations for the Airman's Attic, Monday through Friday, 0730-1630, Area A, Bldg 2, Rm 235, main entrance of the A&FRC. The Aiman's Attic takes items that are clean and in good condition. Items we accept are household type items, such as dishes, pots and pans, irons, ironing boards, furniture, lamps, TVs, couches, chairs, bookshelves, bed frames, desks, computers, sporting items, tools and holiday décor. We do not accept mattresses, bedding, shoes, or clothing. We will accept Toys as long as they are sturdy and can be sanitized. Please think of us be-fore you dispose any items our Airmen might need to set up a house! This service is for E-4 and Below and they are never charged for this service.

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#### **Loan Closet**

#### **Family Services**

This service is primarily for our military members who are in a PCS status. We offer many items to be checked out to make you comfortable until your household goods arrive. Items for loan are dishes, pots and pans, crock-pots, vacuums, irons, alarm clocks, car seats, pack and plays, sleeping mats and many more items, please stop by if you are PCSing to see what all we can assist you with!

## General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program Application Available Now!

The online application for Academic Year 2015-2016 is available on our website at <a href="http://www.afas.org/education-grants">http://www.afas.org/education-grants</a>. Applications are currently being accepted for processing and may be submitted through the receipt deadline of 13 March 2015. The Society plans to award up to 3,000 grants for AY 2015-2016 to dependents of Air Force members for their college education through the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program.

If you know a student or group of students that might be eligible for this grant, please pass along our website link. We don't want any student to miss out on a chance for college cash through a program with an average selection rate of better than 60% of eligible applicants, and 100% selection of eligible applicants with validated financial need!

Remember, the grant application is the gateway to all three of the Society's education assistance programs: the Arnold Grant, the Merit Scholarship, and the Supplemental Education Loan!

#### **AFAS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

The Society awards a minimum of ten \$5,000 merit-based scholarships to incoming freshman who have completed both phases of the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant application, and therefore, have already been reviewed for eligibility and had their Grade Point Average (GPA) verified. These scholarship candidates, regardless of whether or not they receive the need-based Arnold Grant, will be directly contacted by AFAS HQ in May.

Selection is based on cumulative GPA, SAT/ACT scores, transcripts, and an essay on a specified topic. Winners will be announced in July, with funds disbursed directly to the universities/colleges in early August.

Again, only incoming freshman who complete the Arnold Grant preliminary application, Family Financial Data Form and GPA verification will be considered for the Merit Scholarship.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM

Knowing incidental college expenses for books, fees and supplies can pose a hardship for families already coping with high tuition and room and board costs, the Society offers an interest-free loan to help reimburse families for these kinds of expenses.

This loan is open only to dependents of regular Active Duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full time active duty, regular Retired and Retired Reserve with 20+ years of creditable service who applied for the 2015-2016 General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant, as their eligibility has already been verified through the grant application process, *and* AFAS has the ability to collect repayment by allotment directly from the members' military/retired pay. Maximum dollar amount for each full-time dependent undergraduate student is \$1,000, regardless of whether or not they received the need-based Arnold Grant.

AFAS provides the loan applications to identified applicants in August, with an application deadline of October 1st. Checks will be disbursed by AFAS no later than mid-October. Repayment by allotment will be automatically started by AFAS and run for a 10-month period beginning November 15th for Active Duty, and December 1st for Retirees.



Airman & Family Readiness Center Bldg 2, Area A Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm Closed Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays

937-257-3592

## **Mar 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 - Qtrly Key Spouse Trng, 0930-1130 or Evening 1730-1930	3 - R&R 0745 - 0900 - Career Technical Training Track (day 1) 0800-1630	4 - Career Technical Training Track (day 2) 0800-1630	5 - R&R 0745 - 0900 - New Key Spouse Training 0900-1500 - Smooth Move 1300-1600 -Alzheimer Support Group 1700-1830	6	7 - Airman Attic is Open 0900-1300 - Give Parents A Break 1700- 2200 (Prairies CDC, Bldg 6933)
8	9 - 5 Day TAP 0730- 1630	10 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 - R&R 0745 - 0900	11 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630	12 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 -R&R 0745-0900	13 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 - Officer, 1st Duty Station Financial Trng (Rm 258) 1300- 1600	14
15	16 - 5 Day TAP 0730- 1630	17 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 - R&R 0745 - 0900 - Peer to Peer Support Group , 1300-1500	18 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 -Planning your retire- ment at any age 1100– 1300 (DCO)	19 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 - R&R 0745-0900 - Newcomers Orientation (Bldg 800, WP Club & Banquet Center) 0800-1200 - Career Information Fair (Rm 243) 1100-1300	20 - 5 Day TAP 0730- 1630 SPRING	21
22	23 - 5 Day TAP 0730- 1630	24 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 -R&R 0745-0900	25 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630	26 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 - R&R 0745-0900 - Kids on the Move 1730- 1930	27 - 5 Day TAP 0730- 1630 -	28
29	30 - 5 Day TAP 0730- 1630	31 - 5 Day TAP 0730-1630 - R&R 0745-0900 - Federal Applications/ Resumes, 1300-1500				





Airman & Family Readiness Center Bldg 2, Area A Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm Closed Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays

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## **Apr 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 - Investment Basics 1100-1300	2 - R&R 0745-0900 - Smooth Move 1300- 1600 -Alzheimer Support Group 1700-1830 - Key Spouse Mentor Spouse Training 0930- 1130	3	4 - Airman Attic is Open 0900-1300 - Give Parents A Break 1700- 2200 (Prairies CDC, Bldg 6933)
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26	27	28 -R&R 0745-0900 - Bundles for Babies 1330-1615	29 - Resume Writing 1100-1300	30 -R&R 0745-0900 -Armor 1200-1300	1 -Nearing Retirement— Now What? 1100-1300	





# Transition Assistance Program Career Information Fair 2015

**Location: Room 243** 

A&FRC, Building 2

**Time: 11am - 1pm** 

March 19, 2015
June 10, 2015
September 16, 2015
November 18, 2015



# LOOKING TOWARD YOUR FUTURE?

This information fair will help you transition into the civilian workforce! We'll give you networking opportunities and will assist you with finding employment. You will also experience direct interaction with employers. Bring your resume and dress to impress.

## **Open to WPAFB Communities**

FORCE
SUPPORT SQUADRON

## KIDS ON THE MOVE

ADVENTURE!

LOODISS



**2015 Dates** 

26 Mar

**28 May** 

**23 Jul** 

**24 Sep** 

5:30 - 7:30 pm

PCSing and moving can be difficult for children, pre-teens and teenagers!

This program is designed for children ages 4 to 16 years old to help assist kids and parents to survive the impact of changing locations, saying goodbye to friends and adjusting to new people and situations.

Call your Airman & Family Readiness Center at 937-257-3592 to reserve seats now.







#### Just Married into the Air Force or New to WPAFB?

HEART LINK orientation will provide an opportunity to make new friends and learn about education benefits, employment opportunities, Air Force customs & courtesies, and protocol.

There will be door prizes, food and fun!



Next Class: 29 May 2015, A&FRC, Bldg 2, Rm 244

Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more information or to reserve your seat, please call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at (937)257-3592

## Your A&FRC is your PCS One-Stop-Shop!!!

PCSing? We have classes to help!

PCS Classes to assist during your move:

~SMOOTH MOVE - This briefing is designed to give you all the tips to make moving manageable and worry free. We have over 10 base agencies in attendance to provide direct information along with Q&A on your next PCS Move.

~ KIDS ON THE MOVE - This allows kids to discuss their feelings and allows them to meet other kids in the same situation.

For more information, please give us a call or swing by for a visit!

2000 Allbrook Dr. Bldg 2, Area A WPAFB, OH 45433 937-257-3592

Hours of operation: M-F 7:30am-4:30pm (Closed weekends and Holidays)





#### PCSing Assistance:

~ LOAN LOCKER - Items are free and available to all ranks! Can be checked out up to 30 days at a time. Items such as: sleeping mats, dish packs, irons, ironing boards, vacuums, card table and chairs, pack-n-plays, car seats, booster seats and high chairs.

~ PCS CHILDCARE - AF Aid allows families to receive about 20 hours of free childcare per child at the losing base and gaining base.

WPAFB SPOUSES can receive employment assistance.





## SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

Come join other Caregivers as you network various resources and receive support from each other

### **WHEN:**

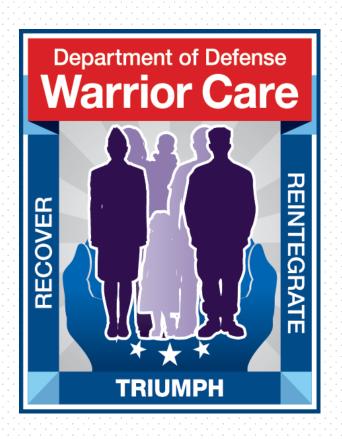
Third Tuesday of every Month, 1300-1500

### **WHERE:**

Airman & Family Readiness Center
Bldg 2, Rm 243
2000 Allbrook Dr.
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

#### **CANT PHYSICALLY GET HERE?**

No Worries, just call in 937-255-0106



\*This is a NEW Department of Defense of "Peer to Peer Caregiver Support Initiative", targeted to Caregivers (spouses, parents, children, and other family/non-family members) of service members who are Ill, Injured or Wounded Warriors

If you are a Caregiver, then this group is for you!!!

Please join us!

#### **FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:**

Recovery Care Coordinator: 973-257-9784

Airman & Family Readiness Center: 937-257-3592

## The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship CHANGE THE WORLD BY CHANGING THEIRS. TEACH.

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#### **Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits Advisors**

This newly established office within the Airman & Family Readiness Center is located in Area A, Bldg 2, Rm 215. Your Benefits Advisors are primarily responsible for assisting transitioning military members and veterans with regards to VA benefits. They can assist and inform you in areas of VA entitlement such as GI Bill education benefits, Disability Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, VA Healthcare, and the VA Home Loan Guaranty. They're Wright-Patterson's local resource on VA benefits for all service members and Veterans. If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting with the VA Benefits advisors, please call Gordon Elder at 257-8479, or Danny Campbell at 257-7537. Walk-ins welcome and appointments are available. The next time you're in Bldg 2, stop in and see them.

